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The foreign patent cited in this Information Disclosure Statement is the Chinese counterpart application of U.S. Patent No. 6,520,412, which was cited in Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement dated October 27, 2005. The Chinese patent was brought to the Applicants' attention in a communication from the Chinese Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Accordingly, a copy of the foreign patent is enclosed, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.98(2)(i) and (2)(ii) as well as a copy of its English Abstract, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.98(3)(ii).

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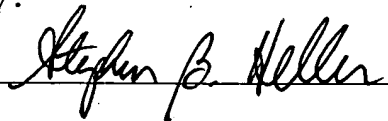
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